

## **Eligibility for LSTA**

All types of libraries, including academic, public, school, governmental agency libraries, and special libraries with public access may apply. To be eligible to apply for LSTA funds, each applicant library and participant library must certify to NSLA that it meets all of the following eligibility criteria:

- ✓ Is supported by public revenues (51% or more) or is a non-profit institution or agency;
- ✓ Makes the collection accessible to its primary clientele and it is organized according to a nationally accepted classification system;
- ✓ Participates in resource sharing through the Information Nevada program;
- ✓ Serves its primary clientele free of charge;
- ✓ Has a fixed location with regular, published hours of operation;
- ✓ Has one or more paid library staff;
- ✓ Has an annual budget with funds reserved for library materials and services;
- ✓ Has a current, written long range or strategic plan that is available for review.

The applicant or participating library must also meet the following requirements:

Public Libraries	Must meet the Minimum Standards for Public Libraries
Academic Libraries	Be accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities
School Libraries	The school district employs at least one certified library/media specialist
Library Consortia	Be a local, regional, or statewide cooperative of library entities which provides for the systematic and effective coordination of resources of school, public, academic, and/or special libraries and information centers, for improved services for the clientele of such library entities [LSTA Sec. 213(3)]; and Have a formal organized structure that includes governance, membership, long range planning and regular funding components.
State library association	Be a non-profits entity registered with the Nevada Secretary of State; and Have tax exempt status under the Internal Revenue Section 501(C)3

Contact NSLA if you have any questions or concerns regarding eligibility – [dalexander@admin.nv.gov](mailto:dalexander@admin.nv.gov).

### **Certification:**

**I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information above is correct.**

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Signature of authorized certifying official

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Date signed

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Typed (printed) name and Title